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„Reconstruction of Ukraine is our joint task“

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I would like to share a few lines on the reconstruction of Ukraine. There will be many difficult moments when it comes to the post war reconstruction of Ukraine. Unlike it was in case of Marshall fund, when there was one donor, now funds will be coming from many international sources to a variety of worthy projects. This will require a comprehensive plan for coordination enabling investment and donors' support. These investment will come with a lot of associated financial risk.

The whole process will have to be carefully planned, organized, monitored and embedded in a well-designed, tailored made legislative framework corruption and fraud proof. Ukrainians understand it and it is well taken by them. Meaningful private pledges will be related to security guarantees. There will be no appetite for investment that might be destroyed again. We expect from Ukraine to come up with a reconstruction plan but Ukraine needs partners for this effort. This could be an opportunity for EU and UK to provide experts in support of all levels of government, national, regional and local, all of them can be weakened by the war, with the risk of democratic backsliding. Donors want to see vision and plan from Ukraine but we will need to work together with Ukrainians on reconstruction plan that would not rebuild a pre-war Ukraine but facilitate leapfrogging to a transformed, zero net, digital Ukraine in line with the reforms related to EU accession.

We must take seriously the role of Ukrainian regional and local governments in the reconstruction effort. And we can't ignore the fact that Ukraine has the largest minefields in the world. This challenge will not be solved without engagement of international community in this process.